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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: ELECTIONS

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1. IN PRIVATE MEETING REQUESTED BY AMB. PIRADOV, USSR, WITH CHAIRMAN USDEL UPTON, PIRADOV FORMALLY REQUESTED US SUPPORT CANDIDACY TODOROV (BULGARIA) PRESIDENT UNESCO EXBD. PIRADOV STATED HE ACTED ON INSTRUCTION FROM MOSCOW.

2. PIRADOV ELABORATED IN SOME DETAIL HOW USSR HAS BEEN COOPERATING WITH US. HE NOTED SUPPORT EUROPEAN REGIONAL ISSUE AND EFFORT MODERATE CUBANS ON PUERTO RICO RESOLUTION. PIRADOV POINTED OUT THAT IN 26 YEARS UNESCO'S EXISTENCE SOVIET BLOC HAS NEVER HELD CHAIRMANSHIP.

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3. PIRADOV STRESSED THAT COOPERATION ON THIS WOULD BE

RECOGNIZED IN MOSCOW AND ALLUDED TO "HAVING FAVORABLE REACTION VLADISVOSTOK MEETING.

4. CHAIRMAN UPTON REMAINED NON-COMMITAL AND INDICATED SUBSTANCE OF REQUEST WOULD BE PASSED ON TO WASHINGTON.

5. COMMENT US PERMDEL: UNCLEAR WHY SOVIET PRESSING SO HARD FOR TODOROV WHO DOES NOT SEEM HAVE MUCH CHANCE OF SUCCESS. POSSIBLE THEY LAYING GROUND FOR SEWING UP POST NEXT ELECTION IN 1976. UNREASONABLE FOR SOVIET BLOC EXPECT HAVE BOTH PRESIDENT GENERAL CONFERENCE (HUNGARY) AND PRESIDENT OF EXBD AT SAME TIME. TODOROV SEEMS HAVE LITTLE SUPPORT OUTSIDE SOVIET BLOC. RACE IS STILL TIGHT BETWEEN BETANCUR MEJIA (COLOMBIA), AND WYNTER (JAMAICA). BY CUSTOM LA'S TURN FOR PRESIDENT EXBD. LATEST RUMOR IS THAT DG M'BOW TRYING PROMOTE DISTINGUISHED BRAZILIAN, CARNEIRO IN VIEW LIKELY DEADLOCK BETWEEN WYNTER AND BETANCUR. POSSIBLE THAT ON SECOND OR THIRD BALLOT CARNEIRO WOULD BE PROPOSED AS COMPROMISE FOR VOTE BY ACCLAMATION. CANCINO (MEXICO) PROPOSES EACH CANDIDATE NAME A SURROGATE TO MAKE SOUNDINGS OF SUPPORT AND THAT THE TWO WITH LEAST VOTES -- PRESUMABLY BETANCUR AND TODOROV, AS CANCINO SUPPORTS WYNTER -- SHOULD WITHDRAW SO AS TO AVOID CONTEST. BECAUSE OF HEAVY LOAD LAST WEEK GENERAL CONFERENCE, EXBD STILL IN BACKGROUND AND WILL NOT LIKELY GET INTO SERIOUS MANEUVERING UNTIL END OF WEEK. IN ANY CASE, PERMDEL WOULD NOT RECOMMEND MAKE ANY COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME AND CERTAINLY NOT IN FAVOR OF TODOROV. POLITE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SOVIET DEMARCHE MAY BE APPROPRIATE. DEPT. WILL BE ADVISED AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR. RUSH

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